



## **Economic Impact Analysis Virginia Department of Planning and Budget**

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### **12 VAC 5-550 – Regulations Governing Vital Records; Department of Health** January 20, 2000

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The Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) has analyzed the economic impact of this proposed regulation in accordance with Section 9-6.14:7.1.G of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order Number 25 (98). Section 9-6.14:7.1.G requires that such economic impact analyses include, but need not be limited to, the projected number of businesses or other entities to whom the regulation would apply, the identity of any localities and types of businesses or other entities particularly affected, the projected number of persons and employment positions to be affected, the projected costs to affected businesses or entities to implement or comply with the regulation, and the impact on the use and value of private property. The analysis presented below represents DPB's best estimate of these economic impacts.

### **Summary of the Proposed Regulation**

The *Regulations Governing Vital Records* contain procedural rules for the registration and reporting of vital events including birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, and adoption and any changes to a vital record. The regulations specify the standards and requirements for collecting and reporting vital event information as well as the responsibilities of reporting sources such as physicians, nurse midwives, funeral service licensees, and other health professionals. The proposed changes update the regulations to reflect current reporting methodology and technology, improve clarity of language in specific sections, and clarify certain requirements (e.g., evidence need for filing late or delayed birth records, registration of home births, etc.).

## **Estimated Economic Impact**

The proposed changes simply clarify the wording, intent, and organization of the rules governing administration of Virginia's vital records. Although these clarifications will make the regulation easier to understand and more useful for the regulated community, they do not represent any change in current practices and therefore should not have any significant economic consequences.

## **Businesses and Entities Affected**

These regulations affect all citizens who request to put a vital record on file in Virginia or who request access to such files. The regulations also affect persons and entities responsible for reporting vital event information, which includes approximately 100 hospitals, 480 funeral homes, 35 local health departments, 4 medical examiner district offices, and numerous health care professionals.

## **Localities Particularly Affected**

No localities are particularly affected by the proposed changes to this regulation.

## **Projected Impact on Employment**

The proposed changes are not anticipated to have a significant effect on employment.

## **Effects on the Use and Value of Private Property**

The proposed changes are not anticipated to have a significant effect on the use and value of private property.